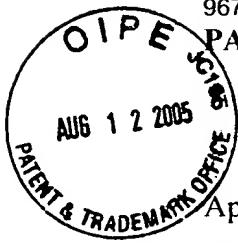


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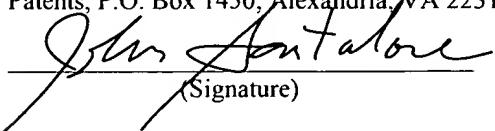
AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This amendment is in response to a Non-Final Office Action issued in connection with the above-identified application on February 9, 2005. The Office Action sets a three-month period in which to file a response. Accordingly, a response to the outstanding Office Action was due May 9, 2005. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), an Extension of Time of three months is hereby requested and a check for the appropriate amount is enclosed. In light of the Extension of Time, the period for filing a response to the February 9, 2005 Office Action now expires August 9, 2005 and the present Amendment is timely filed.

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